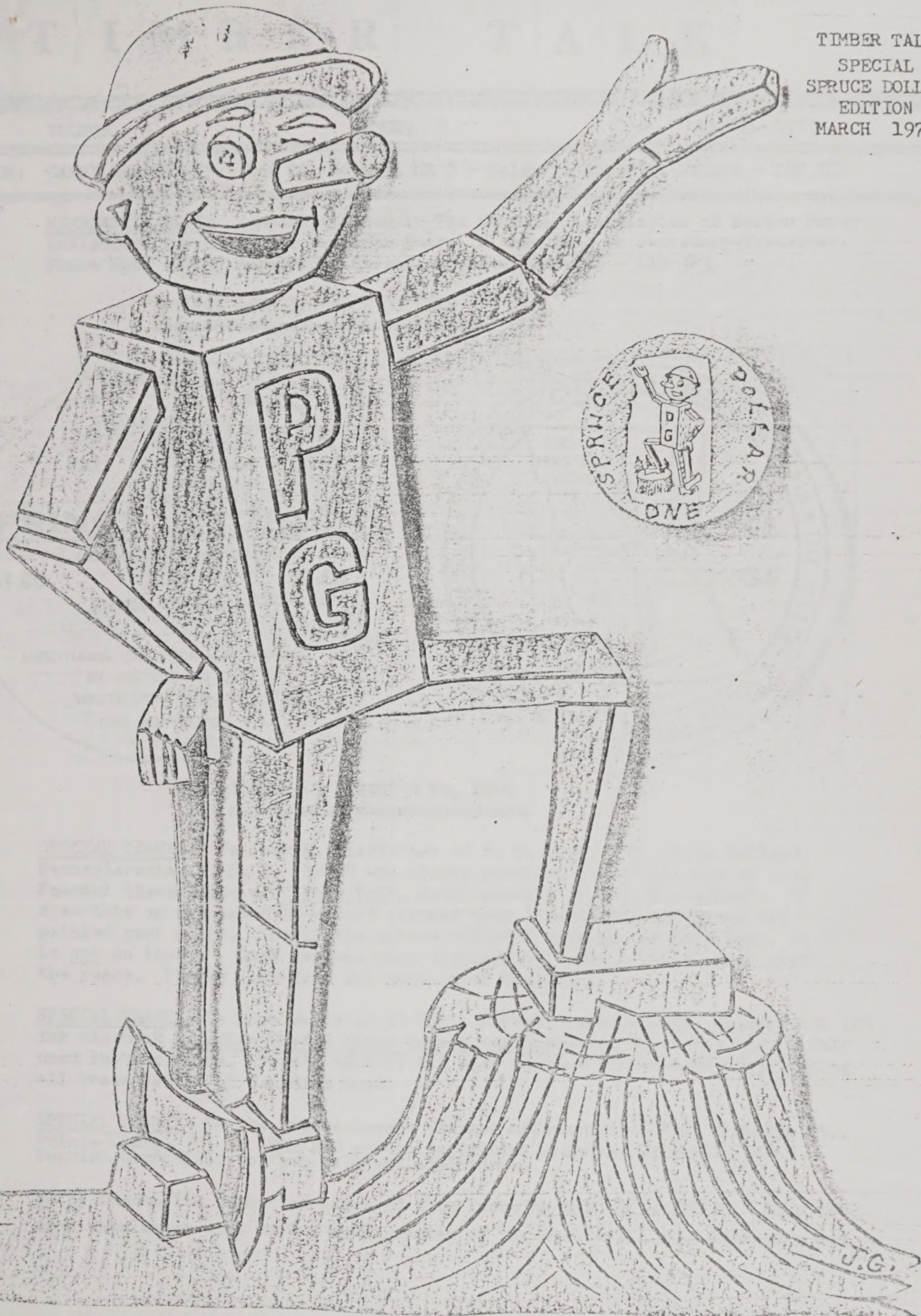


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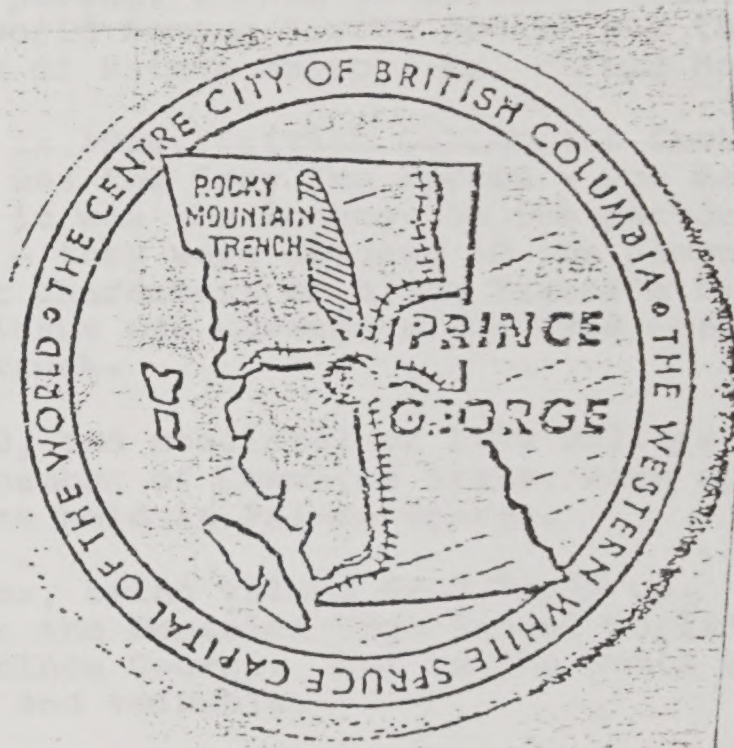
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**SPECIAL THANKS:** To Jack W. Gladfelter of P. O. L. B. 173, Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania, U. S. A. 17360 who kindly provided the front page of this Special Theme Issue of TimberTalk. Jack comments on his 'invention': "I drew this up and sawed it out of plywood then I burned in all lines and painted part of it. The little spruce dollar I made up for this copy, it is not an issue." Jack has won many displays with his Canadian wood over the years. Thanks Jack from all members of the CAWMC.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** To Norm Wells of 53 Maria Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9H 1B5 for his book Canadian Wooden Money Tokens and Souvenirs which has been widely used in this issue. Norm's book is the most comprehensive book illustrating all known issues of Canadian wood.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to The Prince George Chamber of Commerce of 1198 Victoria St., Prince George, B. C. V2L 2L2 and in particular to Denise Chappelle their Tourist Councillor for her help and assistance.

**NOTE:** Due to the number of pages of this issue no wood is enclosed. Also the next newsletter will have a continuation of the Spruce Dollars, including ads.

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## HISTORY OF

### PRINCE GEORGE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### SPRUCE DOLLARS

In 1958, a number of Chamber of Commerce members were seeking a publicity idea that would be distinctive of the Prince George area. As Prince George is the largest shipping centre of the Western White Spruce in the world, it was felt that our product should be utilized into a unique idea. The creation of the world famous Spruce Dollar was the brainchild of a very active citizen of Prince George, Mr. Harold Moffat.

The first Spruce Dollar was struck in 1958, British Columbia's Centenary, and the main point of distribution was the Grey Cup Parade - you may remember the Prince George float - it was the longest in the parade! Many Prince Georgians participated - they were dressed in the Simon Fraser era, all depicting authentic characters of Simon Fraser's historic journey. The theme of that first issue was commemorating 1958 Grey Cup parade; 5000 Spruce Dollars were struck.

The second issue was called 1959-60, and consisted of 1750 Dollars. Each year since then there has been a Chamber of Commerce issue, with special issues struck to feature conventions held in Prince George.

The back issues are collectors items, being valued from \$3.75 up. In 1961 a special issue was struck for the Dominion High School Curling Championships, held that year in Prince George. Due to the small issue, (100), these Dollars are very rare and valuable.

Once an issue has been struck, there are no re-runs, but a special issue may be minted at any time during the year, if an occasion warrants. As of August 1977 there have been 110 issues struck of the Prince George Spruce Dollars.

Merchants do Prince George honour the Spruce Dollars, but since their inception in 1958, few have been cashed - they are kept as souvenirs. The Prince George Spruce Dollars are indeed world famous-the Chamber of Commerce receives enquiries from all over the world requesting the current issue (s).

The original group of citizens that fostered the Prince George Spruce Dollars is quick to admit that our Spruce Dollar as a publicity medium has surpassed their dream.

A complete list of the Spruce Dollars is available from the Chamber of Commerce, 1198 Victoria Street.



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		Size	Color	Rev	Issue
1.	1958 Grey Cup Parade	80mm	bla/bla	1	5000
2.	1959-60 Chamber of Commerce	85mm	bla/bla	1	1750
3.	1960 Dist. Conf. Potary		violet	1	500
4.	1960 B.C. Elks Association		purple	1	300
5.	1960 Gizeh Temple Shrine Club	80mm	red/gre	1	2100
6.	1961 Cdn. Schools Curling Champs		black	1	100
7.	1961 Chamber of Commerce	80mm	gre/bro	1	3000
8.	1962 Chamber of Commerce Centre City	80mm	gre/gre	2	2400
9.	1963 B.C. Figure Skating Champs	80mm	bro/gre	2	400
10.	1963 Chamber of Commerce	80mm	gre/gre		1925
11.	1963 Grand Session IOJD (Jobb's Daughters)		green		100
12.	1963 Royal Cdn. Legion Ladies Aux.		green		400
13.	1963 B.C. Arena Assoc. Conv.		green		100
14.	1963 Dist. IV Conv. Gyro.		green		150
15.	1963 B.C. Little League Tournament		green		150
16.	1963 B.C. Moose Association		green		350
17.	1963 Lion's International Mid-year Conf.	80mm	gre/gre		500
18.	1963 Grey Cup	80mm	gre/gre		2400
19.	1964 Chamber of Commerce Centre City	80mm	gre/gre		2500
20.	1964 B.C. Amateur Hockey Assoc.		green		100
21.	1964 B.C. Recreation Conv. 7th Annual		green		300
22.	1964 B.C. Medical Association	80mm	gre/gre		300
23.	1965 B.C. Forestry Association		green		150
24.	1965 Golden Anniv. of Kiwanis		blu gol/gre		400
25.	1965 Chamber of Commerce 50th Anniv.	80mm gre	gol/gre		3000
25a.	Ditto Without "Golden Jubilee Issue"				
26.	1965 Aurora School for Retarded Children		green		150
27.	1965 B.C. Assoc. of Bottler's of Carbonated Beverages		green		200
28.	1965 B.C. Chamber of Commerce Golden Jubilee	80mm	gre/gre		250
28a.	Ditto Without Golden Jubilee	80mm	green		
29.	1965 Opening of New Grant Industries Bldg.		green		100
30.	1966 Cdn. Cross Country Ski Championships	80mm	gre/gre		100
31.	1966 Golden Anniv. B.C. Dental Assoc.	85mm gre	bla/gre		250
32.	1966 Chamber of Commerce B.C. Centennial	80mm gre	gol/gre		2600
33.	1966 Numismatic Society 2nd Ann. Conv.	80mm	gre/gre		200
34.	1966 Chamber of Commerce Centennial Issue	80mm gre	gol/gre		250
35.	1967 B.C. Figure Skating Championship		green		300
36.	1967 North American XC & Biathlon Ski Championships	blue	green		200
37.	1967 Cdn. Plumbing & Mech. Cont. Assoc.		green		
38.	1967 Chamber of Commerce Canada Centennial	80mm	red/gre		1000
38a.	Ditto	80mm red	gre/gre		
39.	1967 B.C. Zone Hotel Convention	red	gre/gre		100
40.	1967 B.C. Inst. of Chartered Accountants		green		300
41.	1967 Simon Fraser Open Golf Championship	80mm	gre/gre		200
42.	1967 Union of B.C. Municipalities	80mm	red/gre		1200
43.	1967 Cdn. Institute of Mining & Minerology		red/gre		400
44.	1967 Jt. Installation & Initiation of I.O.F.		green		300
45.	1967 Chamber of Commerce 2nd Issue				150
46.	1968 Police Hockey Tournament				250
47.	1968 Truck Logger's Convention				400
48.	1968 Beta Sigma Phi				250
49.	1968 Order of Eastern Star	80mm	gre/gre		1000
50.	1968 Chamber of Commerce Forest Wealth	80mm	gre/gre		3000
51.	1968 Sons of Norway				250
52.	1968 Y's Men's Club Charter Night	80mm	gre/gre	2	100
52a.	1968 Gizeh Shrine Club May 17 & 18/68 green rev.				



		Size	Color	Rev.	Issue
53.	1968 B.C.A.A. Board of Directors Mtg.	80mm	gre/gre	2	100
54.	1968 2nd Ann. Police Hockey Tournament	80mm	gre/gre	2	300
55.	1968 A.P.C.C. of B.C. Annual Prov. Final	80mm	gre/gre	2	100
56.	1968 Canadian Junior Nordic Ski Champ.	80mm	gre/gre	1	100
57.	1969 Chamber of Commerce Centre of Transportation	80mm	red/blu	1	3000
58.	1969 Jaycess 1970 Convention	80mm	red/blu	1	500
59.	1969 Canadian Institute of Forestry	80mm	gre/blu	1	350
60.	1969 Gideon's Conference 1970	80mm	gre/blu	1	500
61.	1969 B.C. Government Employees Association	80mm	gre/blu	1	250
62.	1970 P.G. & Dist. Five Pin Bowling Roll-offs	80mm	red/blu	1	200
63.	1970 Royal Canadian Legion	80mm	red/gre	1	100
64.	1970 Chamber of Commerce Communications	80mm	blu/gre	1	3000
65.	1970 B.C. Optometric Association Golden Anniversary	80mm	bla/gre	1	100
66.	1970 B.C.V.S. Instructors Convention	80mm	gre/gre	1	200
67.	1970 Sons of Norway Rondane 71	80mm	gre/gre	1	500
68.	1970 B.C. Little League Baseball Tournament	80mm	gre/gre	1	125
69.	1970 Canadian Pulp & Paper Association	80mm	blu/gre	1	200
70.	1970 I.O.F. Court Centennial	80mm	blu/gre	2	200
71.	1971 Chamber of Commerce B.C. Centennial	80mm	blu/gre	3	1000
72.	1971 B.C. Elks Convention	80mm	pur/gre	3	200
73.	1971 Western Canada Bowling Championships 1972	80mm	ora/gre	3	100
74.	1971 Dominion Police Hockey Championships 1972	80mm	red/gre	3	100
75.	1972 Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians	80mm	gre/gre	2	100
76.	1972 Chamber of Commerce Pontiac Cup Races	80mm	bro/gre	3	2500
77.	1972 Canadian Postmaster's Association	80mm	red/gre	3	200
78.	N.W.C.T.A. Hotel of the Year 1970-71 Delta Hotels	80mm	blu/gre	3	200
79.	1972 Pontiac Cup Races Trudeau's Visit Oct 14, 1972	80mm	bro/gre	3	200
80.	1972 54th Mtg. Prof. Eng. of B.C.	80mm	blu/gre	3	500
81.	1973 Northern B.C. Const. Assn. 3rd Ann Convention	80mm	red/gre	2	200
82.	1973 B.C. Fire Fighters Curling Association	80mm	red/gre	3	250
83.	1973 R.C.M.P. Centennial	80mm	bro/gre	3	400
84.	1973 I.O.F. Court Centennial No. 1305	80mm	gre/gre	2	100
85.	1973 Central Interior Loggers Association	80mm	bro/gre	3	100
86.	1973 Chamber of Commerce R.C.M.P. Centennial 300	80mm	gre/gre	3	1100
87.	1973 Western Branch Technical Section C.P.P.A.	80mm	red/gre	3	150
88.	1974 B.C. North Zone Rolloffs	80mm	blu/gre	3	200
89.	1974 B.C. Fire Chiefs Assoc. 43rd Annual College	30mm	red/gre	3	300
90.	1974 Rotary Conference District 504	80mm	blu/gre	3	1000
91.	1974 B.C. Elks Assoc. 46th Annual Conference	80mm	pur/gre	3	500
92.	1974 Central Interior Loggers Assoc. 7th Ann. Conv.	80mm	red/gre	3	500
93.	1974 Chamber of Commerce World Champ. Snowgolf	80mm	pur/gre	4	1000
94.	1974 Buildall	80mm	red/bla/gre	4	200
95.	1975 Chamber of Commerce Mohawks Coy Cup Champs	80mm	red/gre	1	
96.	1975 Noranda Board of Directors	80mm	blu/gre	1	
97.	1975 Chamber of Commerce World Champs Snowgolf	80mm	pur/gre	1	
98.	1975 Visit of Puerto Rican Delegation	80mm	gre/gre	1	
99.	1975 Ladies Bonspiel First Annual	80mm	gre/gre	1	
100.	1976 "Tous Ensemble" Elementary French Workshop	80mm	gre/gre	1	
101.	1976 Chamber of Commerce Bantam Kings	80mm	gre/gre	1	
102.	1976 B.C.A.A. P.G. School Safety Patrol	80mm	gre/gre	1	
103.	1976 T.O.P.S. Provincial Recognition Day	80mm	gre/gre	1	
104.	1976 Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras	80mm	gre/gre	1	
105.	1977 Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras	80mm	gre/gre	1	
106.	1976 Queen Aurora XVIII - Deborah Wozney	80mm	gre/gre	1	160
107.	1977 C.B. Jamboree	80mm	gre/gre	1	
108.	1977 Prince George Rotary	80mm	blu/gre	4	
109.	1977 Minor Hockey Association	80mm	gre/gre	4	750
110.	1977 Challenging Children	80mm	gre/gre	4	

